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plants are very beautiful, and especially is this true of the Hawaiian variety known as Hibiscus Breckenridgei, which has a rich foliage and a very velvety yellow flower. The Chinese or Rose of Sinensis varieties ordinarily grown in the gardens of which the brilliant scarlet and pink flowering hedges are examples, are the ones which from their hardiness and wealth of foliage and flowers have attracted the most attention, and have been brought to the highest state of cultivation. It is from these varieties that the great number of new types have been produced.

It is not generally known that there are many indigenous varieties of single reds, yellows and whites on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Hawaii. These native varieties are very handsome and some obtain the size of trees, some being over forty feet high with trunks twelve inches in diameter. The sight of such a tree covered with thousands of fragrant flowers, each six or eight inches in diameter, with a stamen ten inches long, will linger in the memory forever.

The majority of these native varieties produce seed

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freely, and thus have been continuously propagated in the Hawaiian forests. These native varieties together with some twenty or thirty varieties which have been introduced have been the materials which the local workers have employed.

To produce seed a flower is pollinated by covering the stigmata on the end of the stamen with pollen, either from the same flower - when it is spoken of as being self-pollinated - or from another flower, when it is spoken of as being cross-pollinated. Such plants as are reproduced without variation by self-pollinated seeds are called pure-breeds. Those whose self-pollinated seeds produce plants and flowers showing variation from the original self-pollinated plant and flower are hybrids, mixed-breeds or cross-breeds. It can be safely said that all of the Hawaiian varieties are pure breeds. Of the introduced varieties comparatively few produce seed, and these seeds seldom reproduce these varieties true. They are therefore crossbred-flowers, the seeds from which will produce a wide variation in the resulting progeny.

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